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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The information supplements the original disclosure of a copending application in paragraph [00135] of the Applicant's specification and is clarified in the Amendment filed June 13, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/955,966, naming Gregory S. Andre et al. as inventors and filed on September 20, 2001, and the documents cited therein.

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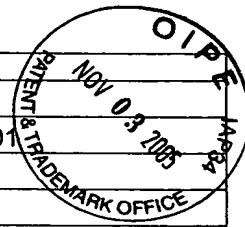
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